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# MASTER PLAN AIMED AT PROTECTING THE YARRA

**A MASTER plan is being prepared to protect and develop the Yarra Valley.**

The president of the Yarra Valley Conservation League, **Dr L. R. Allen**, said this yesterday.

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, **Mr Christie**, addressing the league's annual meeting at Wilson Reserve, Ivanhoe, said a campaign should be started to implement the master plan.

"Approaches should be made to Federal and State politicians and city councils," he said.

"Once preservation of the valley has been agreed on, the league should also press for a Government backed authority to look after it."

[The League, formerly the "Save the Yarra Valley League," was established 12 years ago to promote the preservation and protection of the valley.]

## **"Must strike for survival"**

"We've now come to the stage where we must strike for the survival of the idea of preservation," **Mr Christie** said.

"What happens to the Yarra Valley is of concern to people throughout Victoria."

He said forces of exploitation in the Yarra Valley included sand pits and quarries; the dumping

of garbage by councils; subdivision of land; sewerage.

**Mr Christie** said planning authorities tended to plan "on the cheap".

"There is a tendency to say 'Let's go down into the valley where we don't have to pay any compensation.'"

"This must be avoided," he said.

There was a need to anticipate recreational facilities and to get away from "the concrete jungle and vertical high-rise flats which some people believe will be the slums of the future."

"There will be some people whose interests will be affected, and who will object," he said.

"But there will be a lot of support — throughout the city and country — for the campaign."